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Response to Office Action

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed 6/25/2004, submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

This Response:

Amends Claims 1 and 8 responsive to the Office's statements regarding definiteness and discussions with the Office in a telephone interview on 10/20/2004;

Adds new Claim 17, as discussed in the telephone interview of 10/20/2004;

Amends the Specification to correct unintentional errors in the priority claim, as agreed in the telephone interview on 10/20/2004.

Fee.

After this amendment, there are 3 independent claims and 17 total claims. Applicant previously paid for 3 independent claims and 20 dependent claims. Accordingly, there is no fee due for additional claims.

This amendment and response is filed within the first month of extension. Applicant encloses payment of \$55 at the applicable small entity rate, and petitions for a one month extension of time for filing this response.

The above fees total \$55. A credit card charge for that amount is enclosed.

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